## **HOUSE BILL 1974**

## By Johnson G

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37, relative to the department of children's services.

## BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-5-132(a), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting instead the following:

- (a) The department shall maintain staffing levels of case managers so that each region has enough case managers to allow caseloads not to exceed an average of:
  - (1) Twelve (12) active cases relating to initial assessments, including investigations of an allegation of child abuse or neglect;
  - (2) Twelve (12) children monitored and supervised in active cases relating to ongoing in-home services; or
  - (3) Thirteen (13) children in active cases in which the children are in outof-home placements relating to ongoing services.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.